GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3003
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Estimated Demand of Pulses
Galla Shri Jayadev

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual estimated demand of pulses in the country during each of the last three years, variety-wise;
(b) whether it is true that in the recently held BRICS Summit, India sought help from some of BRICS countries and if so, the details of cooperation sought and response received therefrom; and
(c) whether any BRICS country is exploring opportunities of investment in agriculture sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : As per the Report of Working Group on Food grains-Balancing Demand & Supply During 12th Five Years Plan, the average annual estimated demand of pulses in the country was 21.77 million tonnes in 2013-14, 22.68 million tonnes in 2014-15 and 23.62 million tonnes in 2015-16. At present, there are no official estimates available for variety-wise annual demand of pulses.

(b) & (c) : The Goa Declaration of the 8th BRICS Summit, October 15-16, 2016 emphasizes the importance of BRICS cooperation in agriculture. Also, the Declaration adopted by BRICS Ministers of Agriculture in their meeting held on 23 September, 2016 agrees to promoting production of pulses in the BRICS countries and raise awareness among the people about their importance in dietary nutrition.

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